

## Today's News - Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Abu Dhabi 2030 to establish a sustainable and environmentally friendly urban plan for the city. – Outdated suburban standards not the way to go for L.A.'s urban planning today. – So bring on a billion-dollar condo tower (and perhaps glut?). – A winner in Toronto's Lower Don River competition. – Depending on the eye of the beholder: new Akron Art Museum is a masterpiece or ink-blot test; and a sound barrier is either "a Bilbao WOW" or "more gory than Gehry." – Row continues over Czech Library's "octopus" design. – King admires two new public buildings that emphasize "physical substance over garish abandon of architectural bling." – Chicago's Columbia College picks an architect (now all it needs is the money). – You, too, can sit on a Libeskind (for only \$12,000). – Call for entries: 2008 Global Award for Sustainable Architecture. – A fanciful mural of world architecture at JFK. – LTL Manhattan eatery design wins food Oscar.

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[Abu Dhabi rules out 'cataclysmic' growth: Plan Abu Dhabi 2030...set to establish a sustainable and environmentally friendly urban plan for the capital.](#) - ArabianBusiness.com

[Calling Out the Planners: Los Angeles Planning Commission's Tough-Talking Guidelines Are on Target: ...the time for inspired land use planning was several decades ago...now we have a city...being shaped by suburban standards by too many bureaucrats with suburban mindsets.](#) By Sam Hall Kaplan- LA Downtown News

[76-story condo tower planned for downtown L.A.: Developers plan a \\$1-billion L.A. complex \[Park Fifth\]. Doubters fear a glut.](#) -- Kohn Pedersen Fox [image]- Los Angeles Times

[A winning vision for the Lower Don Land Design Competition: "...it resolves the competing pressures of development, naturalization and transportation."](#) By Christopher Hume -- Michael Van Valkenburgh/Behnisch Architects/Ken Greenberg-Toronto Star

[New Akron Art Museum doubles as an ink-blot test: Some people have trouble appreciating this masterpiece..."the outside of the building challenges the eye."](#) -- Coop Himmelb(l)au- Akron Beacon Journal (Ohio)

[Absorbed by design: The architects who created the sound barrier for Ford Amphitheatre found a unique form that functions. For some, the newest building on the barren eastern gateway to Tampa draws a Bilbao WOW...Others see it as more gory than Gehry...It is a cutting-edge solution, straightforward about its business as a barrier, yet with edgy visuals.](#) -- Gould Evans- St. Petersburg Times (Florida)

[Row continues over Kaplicky's "Octopus" design for Czech National Library -- Future Systems-](#) Radio Prague

[Two buildings solid in more ways than one: Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building and Berkeley's firehouse...are built to last and they're built with care -- emphasizing physical substance over architectural style..."Municipal buildings need to set a standard."](#) By John King -- Marcy Wong & Donn Logan Architects; Field Paoli [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Columbia College gets an architect for its Media Production Center project.](#) By Blair Kamin -- Jeanne Gang/Studio Gang Architects- Chicago Tribune

[Architect is pulling up a chair at the ROM: Daniel Libeskind...unveiling of his \\$12,000 stainless steel Spirit House chair at the Royal Ontario Museum.](#) - Toronto Star

[Call for entries: 2008 Global Award for Sustainable Architecture: ...winner will be commissioned to design a building for a new permanent collection of sustainable architecture...adjacent the Villa Savoye at Poissy \(France\); deadline: July 1](#) - Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine

[Blowup: Matteo Pericoli...latest drawing, which was commissioned for the new American Airlines terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport...will be 397 feet long and will range from 30 to 52 feet in height...includes 415 buildings from 70 cities.](#) By Paul Goldberger- New Yorker

[City chefs, restaurants star at the food Oscars: ...20th annual James Beard Foundation awards...Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis \(LTL\) lauded for designing the midtown \[Manhattan\] spot Xing.](#) - NY Daily News

[Reed Kroloff Appointed Director of Cranbrook Academy of Art-](#) ArchNewsNow

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